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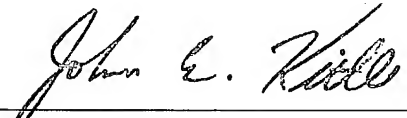
In re Application of :  
D. W. Townsend et al :  
Serial No. 10/623,437 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: July 18, 2003 :  
Title: Combined PET and X-Ray CT Tomograph :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed June 18, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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